

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-09-07**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 4, 2006,
Commission Meeting: September 7, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CenturyTel N2006.8.122 (Scott)

On August 17th CenturyTel filed transmittal No. 06-06. In this filing CenturyTel is requesting to establish a schedule for N11 Abbreviated Dialing Codes. The Company request an effective date of September 16, 2006, for

this filing. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyTel's transmittal No. 06-06 in docket N2006.8.122.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2004.5.84 – Inter-carrier Compensation, Missoula Plan – To visit resetting the workshop date that is presently set for October 20, 2006, and to discuss any other necessary matters. (9/07/06)
2. FCC's invite for comments on using a reverse auction for purposes of federal universal service funding – To visit about the docket, as necessary, and filing of reply comments. (9/07/06)
3. D2005.12.177 – Energy West Montana – Investigation of USB Programs – Discuss issuing notice of opportunity for public hearing on a stipulation between EWM, MCC and Energy Share. (9/07/06)
4. D2005.12.170 – NorthWestern Energy – Application of NorthWestern Energy for automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees – Discuss and set date for rehearing. (9/07/06)
5. D2006.7.108 – Westech Energy Corporation – Application by Westech Energy Corporation, a common carrier, to establish initial rates and charges for natural gas – Discuss and act on Westech's request for interim, initial rates and charges. (9/07/06)
6. D2006.6.82 – NorthWestern Corporation and Babcock Brown Infrastructure Limited, et al. Joint application for approval of the sale and transfer of NorthWestern Corporation pursuant to a merger agreement – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's and BBIL's motions for protective order. (9/07/06)
7. Out of state staff travel – Obtain approval of Phil Cooke's travel to NARUC consumer affairs subcommittee meeting in Austin TX Oct. 30-Nov. 1. (9/07/06)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. MCI Communications N2006.8.126 (Scott)

On August 25, 2006, MCI filed changes to its Montana Tariff No. 2. The purpose of this filing is to make a Textual change to Basic Calling Plan XX Saving Plan II, Basic Calling Plan YY Savings Plan I, Basic Calling Plan ZZ savings Plan I and II, Basic Calling Plan a Savings Plan I and II.

2. MCI Communications N2006.8.128 (Scott)

On August 25, 2006, MCI filed changes to its Montana Price List Tariff. The purpose of this filing is to make a textual change and add alternative rates to Verizon Business Service I and II; grandfather Verizon Loyalty Plus III Plan.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM

38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2006.8.126 – MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services – Revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2

N2006.8.128 – MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services – Changes to its Montana Price List Tariff

D2006.8.129 – PSC Initiated Complaint in the Matter of Buzz Telecom, Inc. and Billing Concepts, Inc. DBA Zero Plus Dialing (ZPDI) and USBI

D2006.8.130 – Energy West Montana – Application for Continuation of its Environmental Surcharge